

Wanderers Held By The Police

By "CHILTERN"

Wycombe Wanderers 1,
Metropolitan Police 4

A LUKEWARM performance by Wycombe Wanderers against the accomplished coppers had a handful of supporters at this Berks and Bucks Benevolent Fund game at Loakes Park on Monday night wishing that the long football season would at last nod off for its summer siesta.

For apart from the opening 10 minutes and for two or three spells in the second-half, Wanderers were no match for the police side that they beat 3-2 in the F.A. Cup in October.

The forwards were five individuals. On most occasions there was only Samuels unsuccessfully trying to beat the tall policemen in the air to the Wycombe wingers' high crosses.

Worley had an unhappy evening on the right flank, Gale was unusually out of touch, and after dribbling out of trouble, Beck invariably gave the ball back to the opposition.

Goalkeeper Maskell, who, injured his hip at Hitchin on Saturday, was substituted in the second-half by Wells.

By then Wanderers were already three down. In the 11th minute former Millwall and Crystal Palace inside-right Burrow got the first for the police with a soft shot while the Wycombe defence was all at sixes and sevens.

Two minutes later left-half Probert made it 2-0 with a hard shot from the edge of the penalty area after a corner.

And in the 20th minute left-winger Hill, whose used to play with Dulwich and Tooting, made it a trio with a diving header after Maskell failed to reach a high centre.

Four minutes after the interval former Brighton, Plymouth and Gillingham professional centre-forward Payton rubbed it in after a Beck mistake.

Samuels missed a couple of chances before French pulled one back for Wycombe after good work by Baker.